



# The ND ExcELLing Educator

North Dakota ELL Newsletter

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## General Information

- ♦ **ACCESS 2.0:** Many adjustments are being made. Check the [EL Program website](#) for details.
- ♦ **Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA):** The ESSA planning committee is actively working on the state plan. ELs are a priority student group and school improvement is a high priority. For the latest information and updates visit [ESSA](#) on the NDDPI website.
- ♦ **The U.S. Department of Education** released their [Newcomer Tool Kit](#) to help educators and others who work with immigrant students and their families.
- ♦ **The 2016-2017 Learning Language Every Day!** An activity calendar for children ages 2.5-5.5 years and their families is now available at the WIDA Store in [English](#) and [Spanish](#)!

## WIDA Screener

The WIDA Screener is a new EL screening assessment for students in grades 1-12.

WIDA Screener PAPER is now available from the [WIDA store](#). Information is available on training and the PAPER assessment on the [WIDA website](#).

WIDA Screener ONLINE will become available in late October, 2016.

For the 2016-2017 school year, districts are able to utilize the screener of their choice from the WIDA products (MODEL, W-APT, WIDA Screener). Beginning with the 2017-2018 school year, ESSA will require uniform entrance criteria.

Training for the [WIDA Screener](#) is now available on the secure portal of the WIDA website. ELL endorsed teachers are required to administer the WIDA screener, due to the local scoring of the speaking and writing modules.

## Test Administrator Training 2016-2017

Training for new test administrators is changing this year. All training will be done via the online modules (MODEL training CDs/DVDs) through WIDA. Once the training is complete, teachers are strongly encouraged to shadow an experienced test administrator until they feel comfortable administering the assessments alone.

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## North Dakota English Learner Program Advisory Committee (ELPAC)

The NDDPI is looking to have a diverse representation of members such as teachers, administrators, higher education, business/industry, native American, special education, early childhood for their ELPAC Committee. If you would like to nominate someone or if you are interested yourself, please contact [Jill Frohlich](#) at 701-328-2254.

## Professional Development

- ♦ **Differentiation for Linguistically Diverse Students:** September 22-23, 2016 Baymont Inn-Mandan
- ♦ **Standards-Based Lesson Planning for ELLs:** December 7-8, 2016 Courtyard by Marriott-Bismarck
- ♦ **Formative Language Assessment, TBD** January 2017

For more information and to register visit the [EL Professional Development](#) page.



**WIDA 2016**  
National Conference

October 12-15, 2016  
Philadelphia, PA

[Registration Now Open for WIDA 2016 National Conference!](#)



2016 [NDDPI Fall](#)  
[Educators' Conference](#)

**October 12-14, 2016 Bismarck Event Center**



**2016 Dakota TESL Conference**

November 9-10, 2016 at the Avalon Events Center, Fargo  
To register or for more information visit the [ND SEEC website](#).



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